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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM RESUMPTION OF CARGO SERVICE

REF: A) ROME 2386; B) ROME 5288

1. GOI REFUSAL ON MARCH 31 (REF B) TO PERMIT SUBSTITUTION OF ONE WEEKLY B-747F FREQUENCY FOR TWO B-707 FREQUENCIES USED IN ALL-CARGO SERVICE SINCE 1974 RESULTED IN MAY 1976 DECISION BY PAN AM TO REDUCE TEMPORARILY ALL-CARGO SERVICE TO ONE WEEKLY B-707 FLIGHT.

2. USG AND GOI CONSULTATIONS HAVE FAILED TO RESOLVE ISSUE OF INTRODUCTION OF WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT BY PAN AM AND SEABOARD FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICE AND PAN AM HAS NOTIFIED DEPT IT INTENDS TO RESUME FORMER LEVEL OF SERVICE, I.E. OPERATION OF TWO WEEKLY B-707-321C ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS OVER ROUTING ISTANBUL-ROME-FRANKFURT-

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LONDON-NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1976.

3. IT IS PAN AM VIEW, AND USG CONCURS, THAT RESUMPTION OF TWO ALL-CARGO FREQUENCIES PER WEEK IS NOT A CAPACITY INCREASE UNDER TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITALY OF MAY 21, 1970, SINCE PAA OPERATED TWO ALL-CARGO FREQUENCIES IN 1975 SUMMER SEASON. USG DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS ACTION REQUIRES PRELIMINARY AND FIRM NOTICE OF 90 AND 60 DAYS RESPECTIVELY AS PROVIDED IN PARA 5A OF THE 1970 MEMORANDUM. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF LAST MINUTE GOI REFUSAL TO PERMIT USE OF WIDE-BODIED ALL-CARGO PLANE, ON-GOING CIVIL AVIATION DIFFICULTIES WITH ITALY AND PAN AM'S SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEPT BELIEVES IN THIS INSTANCE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PAN AM'S INTENTIONS FOR THE GOI INFORMATION IS APPROPRIATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE GOI AUTHORITIES OF PAN AM DECISION AND EXPRESS USG VIEW THAT PROPOSED PAN AM ACTION IS PERMISSIBLE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF 1970 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY. KISSINGER

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